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On 1 October 1953, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and some with artillery or motor transport insignia. At 9 a.m. on 23 September, 20 trucks were loaded with equipment at the barracks yard and about 1,000 soldiers were lined up there. About 30 trucks were seen near the garages opposite the installation. At 3:30 p.m. on the same day, 2 half-track motor vehicles each mounting a 25-mm AA gun, 4 armored personnel carriers and 2 armored scout cars were observed entering the installation, coming from the direction of Bad Freienwalde. The vehicles and most of them 50X1-HUM were occupied by officers. On 28 September, about 60 soldiers were seen drilling at the barracks yard and about 30 soldiers receiving training on mortars north of Berliner Chaussee, west of the fuel depot. About 28 soldiers with 4 mortars and, shortly afterwards, about 500 soldiers with 8 antitank rifles and submachine guns were seen entering the installation, coming from the direction of the target range. On 1 October, about 300 soldiers with submachine guns and carbines were seen lined up at the barracks yard. Motor vehicles driving from and to the barrack installation

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Comment. all of the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div except the elements employed in Berlin were assumed in Bad Freienwalde.

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